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Conference of the Parties to the Bamako Convention on the ban on the Import into Africa and the Control of Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes within Africa

“The Bamako Convention: A platform for a Pollution Free Africa”

Second meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Bamako Convention Abidjan (Cote d’Ivoire), 29-31 January 2018

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Opening of the meeting

1. The second meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Bamako Convention on the ban on the Import into Africa and the Control of Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes within Africa will be held at the **Ivoire Golf Club Hotel**, Abidjan, **from 30 January to 1 February 2018**. The meetings will be opened at 9a.m. on Tuesday, 30 January 2018, by the president of the conferences of the Parties.
2. The President of the Conference, the Minister of Environment of Mali, assisted by the representative from Burundi who will serve as Rapporteur. The representatives of Cameroon, Mauritius and Tunisia will serve as Vice-Presidents and will assist the representative of the President of the Conference in the general conduct of the meeting, under the auspices of the Bureau of the First Conference of Parties.
3. Opening and welcoming statements will be delivered by the Representative of the Government of Mali, the Representative of the Government of Cote d’Ivoire, and the Representative of UN Environment.

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda

4. The Conference of the Parties may wish to adopt the agenda for its meeting, pursuant to the rules of procedure, on the basis of the provisional agenda set forth in document United Nations UNEP/BC/COP.2/1.

Item 3: Organizational matters

(3.1) Election of officers

5. The Conference of the Parties has before it a note by the Secretariat on the election of officers (UNEP/BC/COP.2/X) and a note by the Secretariat entitled **“Election of officers: overview table of elections”** (UNEP/BC/COP.2/3). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information provided in the notes and consider the action proposed in document.

(3.2) Organization of work

6. The Conference of the Parties has before it a scenario note for the second meeting of the conferences of the Parties to the Bamako Convention (UNEP/BC/COP.2/3), a tentative schedule of work for the meeting (UNEP/BC/COP.2/1), a proposed structure of the second meeting of the conference of Parties to the Bamako convention (UNEP/BC/COP.2/6) and a provisional agenda of the high-level segment of the meeting (UNEP/BC/COP.2/5), all prepared by the Secretariat in consultation with the president and the bureaux of the conferences of the Parties.

7. The Conference of the Parties may wish to decide to meet from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., subject to adjustment as necessary.

8. The Conference of the Parties may wish to establish contact groups and other groups, as deemed necessary, and to specify their mandates.

(3.3) Update report on the credentials of representatives to the second meeting of the conference of Parties to the Bamako convention

9. The Conference of the Parties has before it a note by the Secretariat on the status of ratification of the Bamako convention (UNEP/BC/COP.2/X). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information provided therein.

10. Rule 17 of the rules of procedure provides that each Party shall be represented by an accredited representative, who may be accompanied by such alternate representatives and advisers as may be required.

11. Rule 18 of the rules of procedure provides that the credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the President before the Session. The Bureau of the Conference of the Parties shall examine the credentials and submit its report to the Conference. This rule shall not, however, prevent a Party from changing its representative, alternate representatives, or advisers subsequently, subject to proper submission and examination of credentials, where needed.

12. The credentials should be issued either by a Head of State or by the minister of foreign affairs or, in the case of a regional economic integration organization, by the competent authority of that organization. Please note that the submission of credentials before the meeting would greatly facilitate the advance clearing process by the Secretariat.

13. The bureau of the conference of the Parties consulted during the preparatory meetings held in the side line of the Third session of the United Nations Environment Assembly in December 2017 and subsequently during regular teleconference preparatory meetings, and agreed on the approach that they would follow when preparing the reports on credentials for the meetings of the conferences of the Parties in 2018. The bureau agreed that when examining the credentials received they would accept original credentials in good order as well as copies of credentials in good order, on the understanding in the latter case that original credentials would be submitted as soon as possible.

14. Representatives of Parties may participate in the meeting provisionally pending a decision by the Conference of the Parties on their credentials.

15. The Bureau, with the assistance of the Secretariat, will examine the credentials of the representatives of the Parties at the meeting and report thereon to the Conference of the Parties for its consideration.

Item 4: Matters related to the implementation of the convention

16. The Conference of the Parties will consider several sub-items under this agenda item. The sub-items are listed below in the order in which they appear in the provisional agenda, which is not necessarily the order of priority for their consideration by the Conference of the Parties.

(4.1) Strategic issues

(4.1.1) Status of ratification and/or accession of the convention since the First Conference of Parties

17. The Expert Group Meeting has before it document (UNEP/BC/COP.2/) on implementation of the Convention since COP1. Parties may wish to note of the progress made and advise the Conference of Parties to take appropriate corrective measures.

(4.1.2) Strategic framework: re-positioning of the Bamako Convention

18. Member States Parties to the convention have received before it document (UNEP/BC/COP.2/X) on positioning the Bamako convention twenty years after the adoption of the convention. This document also includes recommendations to the States Parties relevant ways and means to achieve more effective implementation of the convention, pursuant to its spirit and ideals. Parties may wish to discuss recommendations proposed by the document and provide guidance to strengthen collaboration and cooperation with similar multilateral environment agreements, especially, strengthens strategic partnership and synergy with the Basel convention.

(4.1.3) Synergies and partnerships with other relevant multilateral environmental agreements

19. The Conference of the Parties has before it note (UNEP/BC/COP.2/) by the Secretariat on reviews of the synergies arrangements and partnership with relevant multilateral environmental agreements, especially with the Basel convention.

20. The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information provided in the notes and consider the action proposed in documents.

(4.1.4) Status of the implementation of decisions adopted at the First Conference of Parties

21. The Conference of the Parties has before it note (UNEP/BC/COP.2/) by the Secretariat on submit a report on the implementation of the decisions taken at the first meeting of the Convention of Parties.

22. The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information provided in the notes, and consider the action proposed in document (UNEP/BC/COP.2/X).

(4.2) Scientific and technical matters

(4.2.1) Review of the Definition and List of Hazardous Wastes

23. Article 2, paragraph 1(d) of the Bamako Convention considers hazardous substances, including products as hazardous waste if they have been banned, cancelled or refused registration by government regulatory action, or voluntarily withdrawn from registration in the country of manufacture, for human health or environmental reasons.

24. The Expert Group Meeting has before it document (UNEP/BC/COP.2/) prepared by the secretariat compiling the list of such hazardous substances. The Expert Group Meeting may wish to take note of the information provided therein and advise the Conference of Parties on the action that needs to be taken.

(4.2.2) National reporting

25. The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the activities reported by Parties to the Convention on their effort to implement the convention

(4.3) Technical Assistance

(4.3.1) Capacity building

26. The Conference of the Parties has before it note (UNEP/BC/COP.2/) by the Secretariat, submitted a report on capacity building activities organized by the Secretariat pursuant decision taken at the first meeting of the Convention of Parties.

27. The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information provided in the notes, and consider the action proposed in document (UNEP/BC/COP.2/X).

(4.3.2) Collaboration with the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres

28. The Conference of the Parties has before it note (UNEP/BC/COP.2/) by the Secretariat, submitted a report on collaboration with the Basel Convention and coordinating centers.

29. The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information provided in the notes, and consider the action proposed in document (UNEP/BC/COP.2/).

(4.4) Financial resources

(4.4.1) Scale and criteria of Assessments to be paid by States Parties

30. The First Conference of Parties adopted decision 1/8 setting up the financial arrangement for the administration of the Bamako convention.

31. The Conference established also a Revolving Fund for Assistance in case of Emergency situations, in accordance with article 14.3 of the Bamako Convention, and appropriated, in United States Dollars, a total amount of two million five hundred thousand (USD 2,500,000) for the Revolving Fund.

32. During its first session in June 2014, by Resolution 1/16 the UNEA approved the establishment of a General Trust Fund for the Core Programme Budget of the Bamako Convention, and a Special Trust for Voluntary Contributions in Support of the Bamako Convention.

33. The Expert Group Meeting has before it document (UNEP/BC/COP.2/) presenting a draft decision on the Scale of assessment and Parties Assessed contributions for year 2018 and 2019 prepared by the Secretariat. The proposed Parties Assessed contribution are based on the scale of assessment of the African Union, in line with Articles 21, 22 and 23 of the Bamako Convention which state that the Convention shall be open for signature and accession by Member States of the Organization of African Union (OAU), and shall be subject to ratification, acceptance, formal confirmation, or approval by Member States of the OAU. The Expert Group Meeting may wish to review the draft decision and advise the Conference of Parties on the action that needs to be taken.

(4.4.2) Access to alternative sources of funding, including GEF funding

Item 5: Budget and work programme for the period 2018-2019 (lessons learned, opportunities and challenges)

34. Article 14, paragraph 1 of the Convention provides that the regular budget of the Conference of Parties, as required in Articles 15 and 16 of the Convention, shall be prepared by the Secretariat and approved by the Conference of Parties.

35. By decision 1/10 the First Conference of Parties has adopted the Work Plan and Budget for the calendar year 2014. Based on this decision the secretariat has prepared an updated programme of work and budget for the period 2018–2019, set out in document (UNEP/BC/COP.2/). The Expert Group Meeting may wish to finalize its deliberations on the programme of work and budget of the Convention for 2018–2019 and submit a decision in that regard to the Conference of Parties for adoption.

Item 6: Report of the Credentials Committee

36. The Conference of the Parties has before it a note by the Secretariat on the status of ratification of the Bamako convention (UNEP/BC/COP.2/). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information provided therein.

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Item 7: Report of the Committee/Contact Groups' Chairs

40. Pursuant the Rules of Procedures 53 and 54, the Conference of the Parties may establish such committees, working groups and subsidiary organs as may be necessary for the effective discharge of its functions.

41. The Conference of the Parties may wish to welcome reports presented by contact groups' chairs as part of the outcome of the conference.

Item 8: Date and venue of the Third Meeting of the Conference of Parties

42. The Conference of the Parties may wish to consider the venue and date of its third meeting, taking into account rules 5 and 7 of the rules of procedure for the Conference of the Parties.

43. Potential host countries are encouraged to announce their offer to host the third Conference of Parties.

Item 9: Any Other Business

44. The Expert Group Meeting may wish to discuss major issues of interest not included in the agenda.

45. It is proposed that any Party that introduces any other matter should provide the secretariat with a copy of a background document for circulation during the session. An English version of any such text must be made available. Any draft decisions submitted by Parties should also be made available in English.

Item 10: Adoption of the Report and the outcome of the meeting

46. At the last separate session of its meeting, the Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider and adopt the draft report and the outcome of the second meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Bamako Convention, prepared by the Rapporteur at a plenary on 1 February 2018, with any amendments that may be necessary. Consistent with standard United Nations practice, the meeting may wish to agree that the section of the report pertaining to the plenary meetings that take place on the last day of the meeting will be prepared by the rapporteur, with the support of the secretariat, and incorporated into the report of the meeting under the authority of the Representative of the President of the Bureau. The final report of the meeting will be circulated after the closure of the meeting.

Item 11: Closure of the Meeting

47. It is expected that the second meeting of the conference of Parties will be closed by the President by 6 p.m. on **Thursday, 1 February 2018.**